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TO: Southeastern Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs  
FROM: J. Wesley Cochran, President      DATE: 9/12/89  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS, ISSUE # 2 

1. Institute: Some or all of you may have heard by now that, because of scheduling difficulties with the principal speaker selected by the Education Committee, our Institute will be held after the Annual Meeting, April 7-8 (Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning). Jim Heller will coordinate the timing with Tim Coggins to prevent conflicts between the Annual Meeting program and the Institute. Current plans call for the Annual Meeting to end with our picnic lunch at Rowan Oak (William Faulkner's home). I expect that many of our members will attend the Institute, and if we publicize the Institute among public and academic library circles in northern Mississippi, northwestern Alabama, southwestern Tennessee, and eastern Arkansas, I believe that many others will attend. Registrations should cover our costs.

The Education Committee selected Kaycee Hale, the Librarian at the Fashion Institute to be our principal speaker. Some of you may have seen her at the AALL Annual Meeting in Reno. According to Jim, she made 28 presentations before professional library groups in 1988. Among law library groups, she has addressed the Phoenix Area Association of Law Libraries and the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries.

2. Nominating Committee: Please send your recommendations for Chapter officer candidates to Mary Cross. Having served as Chair of this committee two years ago, I know that it is better to have too many good prospects than too few.

3. News from the Publicity & Public Relations Committee: Kudos go to Hazel Johnson for organizing her committee in a spirited (i.e. "Let's do it!") manner. The Committee this year will focus on building contacts with library schools in the region. Some of you may be called on to visit the schools for "career day"-type programs, or speak to a "Special Libraries" class where you can spread the word about law librarianship. Hazel's committee also plans to build contacts by developing a brochure about the Chapter (somewhat similar to a law firm resume) to be distributed to library schools.

4. Communications: I would appreciate each Committee Chair adding me as a "cc:" on any general correspondence to committee members. This keeps me informed on committee developments and saves your time and mine by precluding the need for regular reports or telephone calls to check on progress.

5. Stationery & Postage: If your employer cannot absorb the costs associated with your chapter activities, and you need Chapter stationery and assistance with postage, please let me know.

6. 1991 Annual Meeting Site: Presently, we have no firm offers for our 1991 Annual Meeting, and I know of only one person who is considering seriously the possibility of extending an offer. Please feel free to contact possible hosts and encourage them to make offers.

7. AALL Chapter Visitor: I requested AALL Executive Director Judy Genesen to designate Kathy Larson as our official AALL Visitor at our Annual Meeting. After discussing the matter with each of the officers and Judy, I felt strongly that we should invite Kathy as our visitor to demonstrate that we support her as a member of the AALL Executive Board. Since she is new to our Chapter, this will be an opportunity for many of our members to meet her for the first time. I also discussed this with Carol Billings and Kay Todd, the other Executive Board member from our Chapter, and both of them expressed their support with typical magnanimity.

8. AALL Executive Board Meeting: I have a copy of a form for submitting possible agenda items for Executive Board meetings. If you would like us to submit an item, please let me know.

9. Leadership Training: The AALL Leadership Training program for Chapter Presidents will be in Chicago on Sunday, October 29. As I have mentioned to some of you, I plan to attend the training session, at very little cost to our Chapter. Since I will be giving my program on time management at the Midwest Regional Conference of Law Libraries on Friday and Saturday, October 27-28, most of my travel expenses will be paid.

The next training session is scheduled for June 16 in Minneapolis in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting.

I think we have some exciting programs underway this year, and I think that we can build a strong base for future years' growth. Let me know how I can help you.